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## In Fact Scoops US

FROM its first issue (story of Lamont organizing Committee to Defend America etc) to the present, IN FACT has given its readers not only the facts the press misrepresented, but also straight news scoops, such as the suppressed report of Ambassador Kennedy on the true situation in Britain. June 2 IN FACT again scooped America with p 1 story: DEPT OF AGRICULTURE URGES USE OF FAKE FIGURES TO WHIP UP WAR HYSTERIA AMONG AMERICAN FARMERS.

This was a document issued by the Farm Security Administration giving instructions to its agents to incite war sentiment among the farmers by scaring them with an invasion of the Western Hemisphere within 90 to 120 days "if Britain is defeated."

June 3 the Dep't of Agriculture announced an investigation, trying to make a scapegoat of John Fischer, Chief of the Information Division, who issued the memorandum. The Olympian NYTimes reprinted most of the text, did not mention IN FACT as having secured the scoop, did not credit IN FACT with the story. The Times merely said the story had "come to Sec'y Wickard's attention," suppressed facts of publication.

## Guns and/or Butter

AMERICANS have been told the country is so rich its people can enjoy butter as well as guns in wartime. IN FACT has the original Associated Press copy of the following telegram: "Washington, May 28. Sec'y Wickard said today the Agriculture Dep't had stopped distributing butter to needy families in order that Great Britain might be supplied with dairy products. . . . Butter prices have gone up considerably in recent weeks, reflecting, Wickard said, the curtailed production of milk and demands of the British for cheese, evaporated and dried milk." (Did your paper print this?)

(Editorially IN FACT believes the hungry everywhere should be fed, children first, regardless of nationality, religion, color. The neediest people in Europe since 1936 have been the Spanish Loyalists; but the fascists in the US State Dep't, British fascists still in power, as well as Franco, Mussolini and Hitler, have left the children of Spanish Loyalists to sicken and die of starvation.)

## Fascist Massacres

MUSSOLINI'S Blackshirts massacred some 4,000 members of the Populare (Catholic) and Socialist Parties; two most horrible massacres occurred at Florence (Sept-Oct 1935) and Turin (Dec 17 1922). In the former instance a list of Freemasons was sent from Rome and many of the victims were drowned in the Arno (not Po, as stated May 19). During the Turin massacre journalists

## America's Ruling Families—Ford, Mellon, DuPont, Rockefeller—Do Business With Enemy

THE merchants of death—DuPonts, American airplane and other munitions manufacturers—are not the only ones who have helped and maintained America's two enemies, Hitler and Mussolini. The automobile, oil, iron, and other metal dealers, the bankers, and a large part of America's Big Business economy has been the mainstay of Fascism.

In the present investigation of trading with the enemy which IN FACT began June 9 with an exposé of the diamond trade between Britain and Germany, the most astonishing facts are the following:

- 1) The leading American families which have aided Naziism and Fascism are Ford, DuPont, Rockefeller, Mellon.
- 2) The United States is controlled, owned, and generally run by about 200 families of which the four leaders in the industrial field (and their stock holdings) are: Ford, \$624,975,000; DuPont, \$573,690,000; Rockefeller, \$396,583,000; Mellon, \$390,943,000. (Documentation: Sen O'Mahoney's Monopoly Investigation; Monograph 29. Sup't of Documents, Washington, \$2.)
- 3) United in the National Association of Manufacturers these families (with the exception of Ford) not only rule America for their own profit and power but undermine the general welfare of the 130,000,000 Americans. (Documentation: Monograph 26, 25¢.)
- 4) Mussolini's Fascism was armed with bayonets by ten Italian corporations (many of them named by Fortune in its pro-Fascist issue July 1934); Hitler was financed by Thyssen, leading bankers and munitions makers; France was run (and ruined) by a similar group, the Deux Cents Familles of the regency of the Bank of France; Britain is owned and operated by a similar group, all Tories and many Hitlerites (documentarily exposed by Tory MP, extensively quoted by IN FACT, March 10).

The reader may decide from the foregoing whether the fact that the four leading American families are the chief traders with the enemy (which will be documented in this and succeeding issues) is a coincidence or whether Big Business, money power, and Fascism are one and the same thing, as all anti-Fascist investigators agreed before the present war.

In presenting the facts of "trading with the enemy" the reader's attention is called to two things: that trading is going on now, and that whether or not the trade continues, it is a historical fact that the trade took place for 19 years with Italy and 8 years with Germany although Naziism and Fascism were from their first days bloody, dictatorial and murderous, as the US press has reported only recently.

## Oil for Fascist Germany via Fascist Spain

Last week the union crew of the Standard Oil tanker "H M Flagler" was paid off in NY for refusing to sail a cargo of oil from Carapito, Venezuela, to Halifax (a belligerent port) without a 50% war bonus. Union crew members informed the National Maritime Union that they had received the war bonus on two previous trips, February and May, from Carapito to Teneriffe, in the Canary Islands. Teneriffe is technically a neutral port, being Spanish. It is here that the German and Italian tankers come to fill up with American and British oil.

Following testimony before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee by NMU president Joseph Curran, who charged that British as well as American oil was transshipped to Hitler from Franco Spain, Rep John M Coffee (of Washington) said in the House:

"Right now Standard Oil (Rockefeller) subsidiaries are carrying gasoline to both sides in the European war. They carry supplies to Britain, to Japan and to Spain. In the latter country they are reshipping to Italy and Germany. . . .

"The Standard Oil tanker 'Libby' recently made a trip to Cartagena in Colombia where she loaded up with oil which she took to Freetown, West Africa, for British use. Having pumped out this oil at its destination the Libby raced back to Venezuela, where at Carapito she loaded another cargo which she took to the historic and beautiful harbor of Teneriffe in the Canary Islands, a possession

of the Spanish Fascist state. Here the cargo of oil was transferred to tankers, one flying the Nazi flag of Germany and the other the emblem of Fascist Italy.

"Teneriffe in the Canary Islands is a very busy port these days. Standard Oil tankers are pulling in and out in regular order. When the 'W H Libby' departed from the port, there were 8 Italian and German tankers awaiting the opportunity to load cargoes." (Congressional Record, Feb 19, 1941).

Curran's testimony was taken during Lease-Lend Bill hearings, and inasmuch as the union opposed the bill, "Curran's testimony was given scant attention in the press," admitted the Nation's correspondent, I F Stone, who adds that he was informed by the Dep't of Commerce that US shipments to Spain were running 300,000 barrels monthly.

The contracts between US oil companies and Spain call for 900,000 more tons a year than Spain used before the war. Spain has only a small fraction of its cars in use now, and gasoline is \$1.50 a gallon and rationed. Spain is obviously not using the increased US shipments.

Curran alleged that British and Norwegian as well as US ships were taking the oil to Spain. He obtains his information from crew members who take the tankers to Spanish ports.

There are about 50 or 60 tankers in the South Atlantic oil trade, mostly owned by US companies under Central American registry. There is no regular run in the oil business; a crew never knows in advance whether it is shipping to South Africa, Halifax or Bayonne. Sometimes a tanker leaves a harbor and anchors outside the breakwater to wait for sailing orders.

Teneriffe, which is one of their principal destinations, is popularly assumed by seamen to be a German submarine base. Selwyn James, now of PM's foreign staff, reported before the war that Teneriffe was being fitted as a submarine base, and noted that the Spanish navy included few submarines. Dozens of big, new storage tanks were built at Teneriffe immediately after Franco, with German and Italian help, won the Spanish Civil War. Seamen have reported seeing as many as 15 German and Italian tankers in Teneriffe harbor at one time.

If US oil companies and the State Department now cut off all shipments to Germany and Japan, their responsibility will not be lessened for the shipments of the last five years. The British Ministry of Economic Warfare, which, realizing the difficulties of blockading an entire continent, centers its attention on exports to keep Germany and Italy from securing foreign exchange, has been able to cut off almost all trade with Italy. But it is responsible for issuing navicerts for 1,000,000 tons of British oil and 250,000 tons of US scrap iron for shipment to Italy in the three months before Italy entered the war.

Britain, which had seized Spanish funds belonging to the Republic (and refused to deliver 200 previously ordered airplanes which Loyalist Minister Prieto said would have saved the Republic from the Fascists) returned \$500,000 to Franco last summer and traded 6,000 tons of manganese ore for half the Spanish orange crop. Until recently British cargo ships were still delivering Chilean manganese and nitrates to Spanish ports—far in excess of ordinary Spanish requirements. There is every reason to believe these war supplies reached Italy or Germany or both.

### Admits Oil War; Sells to Japan

Robert E Wilson, head of petroleum products division of the US Defense Commission, president of Standard Oil's Pan-American Petroleum & Export Co, says: "To an extent unparalleled in history, the conflagration we are watching is a war fought with petroleum and for petroleum." And E B Lyman, Standard Oil's publicity director, says: "First of all you must understand that we are an international company and must keep an international viewpoint. . . . As a general rule we sell to anyone who wants to buy and can pay for it." And Walter S Farish, president Standard Oil of NJ explained at stockholders meeting (June 3) that foreign sales were made by foreign subsidiaries, and had to continue or firms would cease to exist. Stockholder Lewis Gilbert asked about shipment to Canary Islands. Farish replied: "It is not likely that the British navy would approve such shipments to Germany. Oil is shipped by us to the Canary Islands but it is transferred by the British. If any of it is getting to Spain, for example, it is with England's approval." Standard gets British navicerts for oil shipments to the Axis.

The International Statistical Bureau is authority for the statement that "the British and American oil companies, with the consent of the British and American Foreign Offices, have just renewed their contracts to sell Dutch East Indian oil to Japan." (This important item will be found in a letter to the Editor of the NY Times May 28 1941.) A recent deal tripled the amount of oil shipped from the Dutch East Indies, "with the full knowledge" (according to Farish) of the US State Department and the British Foreign Office.

The pious head of Standard Oil, John D Rockefeller Jr, is also one of the leaders in the movement for America to get into World War II. Calling upon God to approve, Mr Rockefeller declared war against "the brutal, barbarous, inhuman force presented by Hitlerism" in a recent letter to Publisher Sulzberger of the Times, which all other newspapers reprinted on page one.

By a curious coincidence the words "brutal, barbarous, inhuman force" are exactly the words used in National and Popular, the only two non-corruptible

asked vice-dictator Brandimarte why only 14 of several hundred listed for murder were known dead. Brandimarte replied: "The Po will deliver the remaining bodies."

### Portrait of US Fascist

THE Saturday Evening Post has consistently boosted every Fascist, foreign and native, who has come to prominence since World War I. Its main boosts for Mussolini were written by Kenneth Roberts and Isaac Marcosson. The Post reached a final depth of dirty journalism when it employed a notorious waterfront thug (Jerome Madeiros or King), who is now in prison for manslaughter, to work with its reactionary anti-labor writer William McFee in preparing a story attacking the Maritime Union. The story was "a plain lie," according to the union's weekly Pilot, but the Post refused to print retraction of falsehoods.

Post's newest hero is Thomas J Watson, president Int Business Machines and booster of Hitler and Mussolini. Writer Gerald Breckenridge either knows nothing about fascism or he put one over on the Post because the following phrases appear in May 24 biography of Watson: Watson typifies "one-man rule in business"; "Watson is the IBM"; "Loyalty is one of the big words in Watson's credo"; he stimulates his men with holy zeal; "the company president is not the president but the "leader," (i.e., Fuehrer); "as though in uniform, every IBM employee wears detachable stiff white collar, dark tie, conservative suit which their leader adopted"; "they pattern their behavior after that of the leader." Watson, incidentally, also developed a throat irritation just like his old friend Hitler, and he also set up a "hierarchy" in the plant. This fascist picture which the Post holds up to honor also shows Watson's associates as the greatest bootlickers in industry.

Last paragraph, Part II, May 31: the Post states Watson "penned a disillusioned letter of reproach and sent it to der Fuehrer" last Autumn, "along with the Merit Cross and Star." For years Watson wore the swastika. In those years Hitler murdered the Jews, imprisoned Catholic leaders, fought the Protestant church, placed labor in semi-slavery. But Watson was not disillusioned until the war with Britain.

### The Great Bus Strike

AMONG much important and highly readable information in The Great Bus Strike, by Leo Huberman, just published by Modern Age, is this chronological report of the beginning of the newspaper campaign against the NY bus strikers:

March 9 the Herald Tribune quoted a Transport Workers Union official as shouting in response to a question about scabs, "We've got a couple of rivers in New York and we'll use them if necessary."

Mayor LaGuardia, who throughout the strike was the most vocal spokesman of the bus companies, wrote TWU President Mike Quill warning against use of violence as threatened "in this morning's Herald Tribune." Every NY paper carried the full text of the letter. Quill replied, referring to the threat of violence: "Perhaps your honor's mind would have been more at ease on this score had you read today's NY Times instead of the Herald Tribune which had no reporter at Saturday morning's meeting." The "threat" reported by the Tribune had supposedly been delivered at Satur-

day morning's meeting. The Times story referred to Quill's prohibition of violence. The only disorder during the strike was when two cops on picket duty became drunk and had to be taken home by strikers.

This paragraph in Quill's letter was not carried in the Times or Tribune.

The Great Bus Strike, one of the most thorough and exciting accounts of a strike ever written, costs 50¢ from TWU Bookshop, Transport Hall, 153 W 64, NYC.

### A Japanese Agent

ON one of IN FACT's subscription forms returned to us appeared the words "No Thanks" and the signature Frederick Moore, Washington, DC. By coincidence the State Department list of Japanese paid agents in America appeared about the same time. Listed was: Frederick Moore, Washington, DC, receiving \$500 a month from the Japanese government and \$10,000 a year from the South Manchurian Railway.

Other Japanese agents: Alexander Cairns, Bloomfield, NJ; Fred V Williams, San Francisco, Maj Gen John F O'Ryan, NY.

### Press Is Anti-Labor

A VIRTUALLY unanimous indictment of the policy of daily papers in handling labor news was handed down by editors of labor papers in 57 cities, 28 states, according to a poll conducted by Alexander Crosby of Federated Press. He asked: "Have the daily papers in your area shown increased unfairness to labor in recent months?" Ninety-two percent voted "Yes." Here is the tabulation:

	Yes	No
All labor editors...	92%	8%
AFL editors .....	89	11
CIO editors .....	100	—
Unaffiliated editors	92	8

Crosby reports there was no perceptible variation north and south, city and farm, east and west: labor editors told the same story of increased hatred, antagonism, attacks against labor, bias, distorted stories and headlines. Here are a few sample statements which accompanied the vote:

"The willingness of the [standard] dailies to stooge for the Manufacturers Association [NAM] should warn labor to unite."—M Bert Stark, Wilkes-Barre Labor News.

"The daily press is apparently playing to the tune of labor-hating industrialists."—M I Thompson, Utah Labor News.

"The Hearst press has been especially vicious with heavy emphasis on red-baiting."—Leslie Orear, PWOC edition, CIO News.

But the most important statement of all is that of Fred Myers, editor of the Guild Reporter, official organ of the American Newspaper Guild, the union of some 18,000 newspaper writers and

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newspapers in Mexico, in referring to Standard Oil and British Dutch-Shell interests in their treatment of Mexican labor. Another curious coincidence has been the habitual support of the oil interests by the NYTimes and its consistent attack on Mexico ever since it restored the nation's wealth to the nation.

John D Jr's war declaration also called for the outlawing of strikes and the "elimination of Nazi and Red Fifth Columns." This, however, was too much for PM, which has been more pro-war than the Times but does not share the Times' pro-Standard Oil bias. Said PM: "Mr Rockefeller's statement was a reiteration of typical management propaganda, attempting to use the defense emergency to deprive labor of hard-won rights. Actually, the big recent strikes—Ford, Bethlehem, etc—were due to management insistence on low wages and refusal to deal with unions."

Reader L J Salter calls attention to Ambassador Dodd's Diary which states (Page 289): "I am still of the opinion that the oil companies used pressure (against the League of Nation's effort to impose oil sanctions against Italy). They have interests at stake, especially the Standard Oil Co, in Roumania and Persia and their interests have in the past caused extraordinary performances in America." Page 292: "Our commercial attache said, 'In two years Germany will be manufacturing oil and gas enough out of soft coal for a long war, the Standard Oil Co of NY furnishing millions of dollars to help.'" Page 358: "Why did the Standard Oil Co of NY send \$1,000,000 over here in December 1933 to aid the Germans in making gasoline from soft coal for war emergencies?"

Ambassador Dodd's first reference is to the Ethiopian War. Ex-Premier Laval of France has now revealed that he was instrumental in preventing an oil embargo. France, Britain and the American pro-Fascists in the US State Dep't united in preventing an oil embargo. "Mussolini could have been finished off during the Ethiopian affair by an oil embargo but the British Foreign Office boys and the State Dep't boys said, 'Gracious no, there'll be a revolution in Italy.' It's about time there is a revolution in Italy. It's about time we set up a democratic government-in-exile for the Italian people."—PM Feb 19 1941. Neither Laval, the British Foreign Office, the US State Dep't nor the oil interests wanted a democratic government to replace Mussolini in 1935.

(More on Ford, Mellon and DuPont deals with fascism in future issues.)

### Smears or Falsehoods Mark Hearst and Howard Campaigns in Two Major US Newspaper Chains

THE two leading enemies of labor, Hearst and Roy Howard, indulged in smears and falsehoods last week, their victim this time being the League of American Writers. Some months ago one J Parnell Thomas of the Dies Committee also smeared the League over the radio but Columbia Broadcasting, which is required by law to give equal time to both sides on controversial issues, gave a League vice-president time to prove J Parnell Thomas a falsifier.

Hearst (NY Journal-American and Mirror; Boston Record, American, Advertiser; Baltimore News-Post, American; Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph; Chicago Herald-American, Milwaukee News-Sentinel, Detroit Times; San Francisco Examiner, Call Bulletin, Los Angeles Herald-Express, Seattle Post-Intelligencer, San Antonio Light, etc) gave orders to all his brass-check polishing editors to smear Orson Welles because the leading character in Citizen Kane looks somewhat like Citizen Hearst. Therefore Welles was ordered smeared, and the best smear in wartime is the cry of red.

June 6 Hearst smeared the League of American Writers, called it Communist-dominated, said it was "financially backed by Orson Welles whose Free Company radio broadcasts have been denounced as communistic by the American Legion and others." The Free Company, in actual fact, was sponsored by the Dep't of Justice. The American Legion, incidentally, some years ago banned a book which praised Democracy and quoted the Constitution.

Roy Howard's papers (NY World-Telegram, Cleveland Press, Pittsburgh Press, Cinn Post, Columbus Citizen, San Fran News, Wash News, Indianapolis Times, Knoxville News-Sentinel, Memphis Press-Scimitar, Commercial-Appeal, Birmingham Post, Houston Press, Ft Worth Press, El Paso Herald-Post, Albuquerque Tribune, Denver Rocky Mountain News, etc) have since the formation of the CIO tried to out-Hearst Hearst in labor-baiting and red-baiting. Roy Howard has changed the Scripps-Howard chain from the most liberal in America to the most reactionary.

Since it has now been decided by a NY judge that it is libel to call anyone a Communist who is not a Communist, the Howard press makes use of smear-words, such as "communistic" or "communist-inspired," or "follower of communist party line." After suppressing all notices of the fourth congress of the League of American Writers, it smeared it June 5.

Included in the Howard smear was this statement: "George Seldes, editor of IN FACT, which follows closely the Communist Party line."

As IN FACT stated in regard to a similar accusation in PM, this is both a falsehood and a libel. Howard's World-Telegram used it once before and, in violation of the code of ethics of journalism, refused to print a correction. After printing a column against the league the World-Telegram did print a 2-inch protest from President Donald Ogden Stewart which did not compensate for the falsehoods and slanders of the previous day.

## Lord Howard's Revenge

The Howard attack on IN FACT may be due to the fact that this weekly has exposed Howard and his executive editor, Lee B Wood, as publishing anti-Semitic news, as well as anti-labor news.

IN FACT published a statement made by Robert Garland, former dramatic critic, who declared that no Jew could be hired for the movie dep't. "We don't want more Jews on this paper," said Roy Howard. IN FACT also published statements of NY employees who report Editor Wood's filthy language about Jews. It is of course unfair to quote the late Heywood Broun on anti-Semitism in World-Telegram office. He spoke of it but did not leave a written record. IN FACT asked another nationally known columnist about this matter. We have his letter saying, "Roy (Howard) and Lee (Wood) do not differ very much on this point, though Roy is more smooth about it. But there are several worse ones in the organization than any of these men."

IN FACT has also exposed Howard's anti-labor policy; his frequent falsifications; his use of dummy corporations to get out of paying income taxes; and his position as the only man of prominence in America who refused to cooperate in the Defense Program. (On Aug 20 1940 at his home in Hyde Park President Roosevelt admitted to reporters that the person to whom he had referred in his speech to the Democratic National Convention as declining to cooperate in the defense program was none other than Roy W Howard.)

Roy Howard's United Press, the second largest news service in America and one of the biggest in the world, has openly engaged in falsification. The reader who may be shocked at this strong expression, will be interested to learn that it is merely repeating the exact words of the President of the United States. For the first time in the history of the United States a President issued a signed statement accusing an internationally known press association of sending out "wholly false" news:

"The headline (in the Washington Times-Herald over UP story) is, of course, wholly false; so is the story. . . . The United Press has been guilty of a falsification of the actual facts. If called upon to give the source of the information, they will decline to give it. The fact remains that the story is contrary to every fact. . . . I am calling this to the attention of the public because it represents a culmination of other false news stories to which the attention of the United Press has been called by me and by my office on previous occasions. . . . This latest episode . . . represents the limit of any decent person's patience."

The false story claimed FDR and Hull had split; the President did not list the other false UP stories he had previously protested.

IN FACT has also reported that ever since 1916, when IN FACT's editor worked alongside Lowell Mellett and Westbrook Pegler in London UP office, the Scripps-Howard chain has paid the lowest wages in journalism; and that the Newspaper Guild has had hard going with Howard outfits and considers Howard "the meanest man in journalism."

These are the facts about Lord Howard, the UP, his big chain of papers. IN FACT has exposed them and will continue to keep up-to-date the exposure of anti-Semitism, labor-baiting, red-baiting and general smearing. The reader can balance the foregoing facts against falsehood and smears in the Howard press.

A protest against unethical Howard journalism was voiced recently by the National Labor Committee Against War (American Peace Mobilization). Morris Watson, sec'y, is nationally known because of Supreme Court decision holding Wagner Act constitutional. Protesting a Howard smear, Watson declared that Howard's leading red-baiter, Frederick Woltman, claimed he had made a survey but had not obtained labor group's views; the story contained grave errors; Woltman "revealed" that the labor committee was part of APM, a fact stated on every letterhead; Woltman quoted Watson as saying that the defense program was "a Wall Street conspiracy against the people" whereas Woltman never interviewed Watson, and Watson never used such words. Watson concluded:

"In all my experience both in and out of journalism I have never seen such low journalism and I am wondering how you square it with your preachers about the ethics of journalism." (But Watson knows that ethics were buried in the Scripps grave).

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workers, the people who know the inside story. Wrote Guild Reporter editor Myers:

"No one knows as well as newspaper reporters and writers that labor is getting a savage and unjustified kicking around in the daily press."

## Realistic Press View

LIEUTENANT Commander Charles S. Seeley, U S Navy, retired, writes in the American Guardian: "We talk about our free press! I sincerely hope our press is not free. If it is free to print the truth but prefers to print falsehoods rather than the truth, then it has reached a dangerously low level. I prefer to believe that our press knows the truth but keeps it to itself for fear of upsetting the people."

## Bayonet Practice

"THE point of the bayonet should be directed against the opponent's throat, especially in hand-to-hand fighting, so that the point will enter easily and make a fatal wound on penetrating a few inches. Other vulnerable and frequently exposed parts are the face, chest, lower abdomen, thighs, and, when the back is turned, the kidneys. The arm pit, which may be reached with a jab, if the throat is protected, is vulnerable because it contains large blood vessels and a nerve center. Four to five inches is enough to incapacitate and allow a quick withdrawal, whereas if the bayonet is driven too far home it is often impossible to withdraw it. In such cases, a round must be directed to break up the obstruction."—US War Dep't training regulations.

## The Right to Strike

"THANK God we have a system of labor where there can be a strike."—Lincoln (Hartford, Mar 5 1860).

## Strike Bulletin

(Received at press time from a Douglas Aircraft worker.)

"AT North American I was badly gassed when a barrage of some fifty tear gas bombs were fired by police into picket lines at main gate. Some boys picked up hot cans spouting gas and threw them back to police inside gate. Picket line was recomposed and moving again in three or four minutes, which was interesting in light of Mayor Bowron's subsequent complaint that lines were illegal since "they were not kept moving and were marching in lockstep." Worker Carl Clement was bayoneted in thigh by soldier; 16 strikers were injured in all. Constant radio reports by company and other officials and R T Frankensteen smeared and confused strike and its issues as did the press. Los Angeles Times and Examiner were particularly vicious. Workers feel Roosevelt sold them out. Scabs now being conducted in by Army which was supposed to defend the country against Hitler."—Douglas Aircraft worker.

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